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NEW CURATOR of the Missouri Historical Society Museum, George R. Brooks, who displays a 130-year-old chair which once belonged to Thomas Jefferson.

Geo. Brooks to Replace Retiring Miss Douglas

George Raithel Brooks has been appointed curator of the Missouri Historical Society to succeed Miss Marjory Douglas, who will retire Aug. 1 after 23 years on the staff, it was announced Thursday.

Mr. Brooks, who lives with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Brooks, at 60 Kingsbury pl., has just completed a year's graduate work at Harvard University, where he studied museum administration and nineteenth century American art.

He was graduated from Williams College, summa cum laude, in 1951 and also holds a master's degree from Washington University, where he

department of Art and Archaeology from 1956 to 1958.

A former officer in the Navy, Mr. Brooks also served in the Central Intelligence Agency.

James H. Williams, president of the board of trustees, said Mr. Brooks will work with Charles van Ravenswaay, director of the Historical Society, in a current program of renovation of the society's museum galleries in the Jefferson Memorial in Forest Park.

A third room has been added to the Education Department, which now is offering free talks on history with craft work for children on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., as well as an adult series at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. This was made possible through a grant by Famous-Barr Company.

Miss Douglas is a sister of James M. Douglas, of St. Louis, former Missouri Supreme Court Justice, and a former city editor of The Globe-Democrat.